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# Seventy Years of History.---1833-1903.

## The First Baptist Church of Chicago.

**By Edward Goodman.**

### Chapter VII. 1882-1902.---Dr- Henson's Pastorate Continued.

**Denominational Jubilee.**

On Monday evening, October 22, 1883, after the close of the services connected with the First Church Jubilee, it was fitting that there should be a semi-centennial celebration of the Baptist denomination of Chicago and vicinity. This took place at Central Music Hall, which was crowded, many not being able to obtain seats. Rev. C. Perren, D. D., pastor of the Western Avenue Church, presided, and in happy remarks introduced the speakers, the choirs and soloists.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. A. K. Parker, D. D., pastor of the Centennial Church. The music was rendered by the Second Baptist Church choir; Miss Medora Henson, Mrs. L. H. Schoonhaven, the male choir of twenty voices (German), including singing by the congregation of "Blest be the tie that binds" and "I love thy Kingdom Lord."

The first speaker introduced was Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, D. D., pastor of the Fourth Church, whose subject was "General Denominational History." "Local Denominational History," was the subject for Rev. E. O. Taylor of the Central Church; "Specific Denominational Principles" by Dr. W. M. Lawrence of the Second Church; "Denominational Education" by Dr. Galusha Anderson, president of the "Old University of Chicago," and by Dr. G. W. Northrup, president of the Baptist Union Theological Seminary; "Fraternal Denominational Relations by Dr. P. S. Henson of the First Church;" "Foreign Denominational Churches," by Rev. Duncan Maegregor, North Ashland Avenue Church; "Present Denominational Outlook" by Dr. G. C. Lorimer, Immanuel Church; "Advance Movements in the Future" by Dr. W. W. Everts.

Our readers will thank us if instead of attempting to give a detailed report of the addresses, we reproduce the "Bird's Eye View" written at the time by Dr. Justin A. Smith, the able denominational editor for forty-two years, and published in The Standard of Nov. 1, 1883:

**A Bird's-Eye View.**

Chicago people are wont to enter with avidity upon anything which pertains to local reminiscence or social cheer. The occasion on Monday evening, Oct. 22, 1883, was a notable one and concerned and interested all. No one but was ready and glad to confess his indebtedness to the noble pioneers of fifty years ago. The old were there to make their acknowledgments, and with eyes tearful from recollections of a past in which they had had a personal part. The young were no less quick to express their obligations, and this they did with the greater earnestness, from the fact that the fifty years to come were to give them with the helpful light of the past a field for achievements of their own. They were all there, old and young and middle-aged, male and female, dwellers on the avenues, residents from the streets and from the lanes and by-ways of the outskirts, and comers and goers from the suburbs and the regions beyond, —a most heterogeneous yet homogenous assemblage. For they were all, we may believe, with few exceptions, Baptists; al-

together a goodly company of the brain and brawn, the culture and courage of the Northwestern metropolis and its environs.

Talent and dignity might properly be attributed to the platform. There was musical as well as oratorical talent there. A front row of pulpit orators and pastors, with a flanking on one side of men of kindred pursuit. In the rear a sea of faces accustomed to be lifted in song, the voluminous choir of the Second Baptist Church. As for dignity, we hardly know what to say. When the pulpit is out from in front the ordinary minister is not a posing model, unless it be of **otium cum dignitate.** Nevertheless, the Chicago clergy on the jubilee night made a **not** unimposing spectacle.

Rev. C. Perren, who presided, spoke facetiously of his venerable appearance. He is not an aged, battle-scared veteran. He will be, doubtless, some day, for he has it in him. At present, however, he bears the name, "senior pastor," not because of advanced years, but from the fact that he registers more years in his Chicago pastorate than his brethren. Six years are not very many, but there have been changes of late years in our pastoral relations. We have come again, we think, to a period of something like permanency. Our present clerical incumbency, to speak abstractly, is here to stay.

Rev. A. K. Parker led the devotional exercises. He is mild of voice, quiet and gentlemanly in bearing, and has been at the Centennial church long enough to make for himself a warm place in the regard of Chicago people—those at least who have had the pleasure to know him. There was a hush throughout the large auditorium as the gratitude of Christian hearts was acknowledged and the blessing of a communing Presence was implored.

There are not a few among us who believe that the church choir **par excellence** is the mixed chorus. To such, and to all indeed, the strong discoursing of the Second Church choir was most grateful. We delight not a little, too, in the male choir. The First German Baptist Church gave us acceptable music of that sort. And who does not rejoice to hear a gifted and cultivated solo voice making melody for the Lord? Such gratification was realized under the thrilling singing of Miss Medora Henson, of the First Church quartette choir, and Mrs. L. H. Schoonhoven, of the Immanuel.

Dr. J. Spencer Kennard was fitted to speak upon the topic assigned to him, "General Denominational History." He is of a family that for this country at least has long had to do with the ongoing of the denomination. Rev. E. O. Taylor was no less aptly chosen, where the choice is to be from the settled ministry, for a discussion of "Local Denominational History." He has been, in the seminary and out, connected for many years with Chicago interests. Dr. W. M. Lawrence, of the Second Church, could speak from the bottom of his heart upon "Specific Denominational Principles," for he is a man of profound convictions and of an utterance that corresponds with the strength of his convictions.

"Denominational Education" has nowhere more worthy champions than Dr. Galusha Anderson, of the university, and Dr. G. W. Northrup, of the theological seminary. That they are men of ready wit, able to interest an audience as well as instruct a class, it needed not this occasion to prove; though they gave new proof of it here. That they have serious responsibilities upon their shoulders their remarks also gave plain token.

Dr. P. S. Henson, called out to speak upon "Fraternal Denominational Relations," had hardly time in the few moments assigned to speak all he felt upon the subject. That he has a fraternal and familiar state of mind, and heart toward his brethren both of the Baptist and of other demominations we have not been left in doubt. That his audience were on friendly terms with him he was made assured of repeatedly before he was through. Dr. Henson's occasional addresses at Farwell Hall and elsewhere outside of his pulpit have already put him on a high level of appreciation among the sister denominations.

Rev. Duncan Macgregor, who spoke of the "Foreign Denominational Churches," is, as his tongue tells, of Scotch birth and Scotch rearing. He confesses loyalty also to the stalwart orthodoxy of Scotland's better theology. Now in his second American pastorate, he has been in this country long enough to take hold well upon its work.

The present and the future should not be neglected on such occasions, and perhaps no one could better turn the current of attention from the past in this direction than Dr. Lorimer of Immanuel. He

sympathizes largely with the young and has given his heart to enterprises which must find much of their light and influence in days yet to come. He hopes for a larger growth than ever in the decade before us. Dr. W. W. Everts, courteously and kindly called out by Dr. Lorimer, re-echoed the sentiments expressed by the pastor of Immanuel, indicating certain definite results which need to be accomplished.

The prompt and watchful chairman of the meeting closed his hour-piece at exactly 10:30, the hour intended for adjournment. He had kept his men well to time and the audience and the speakers together in a good humor so that all went home well pleased and indeed elated over the proceedings of the evening. It was a time not soon to be forgotten. Best of all was the earnest spirit which pervaded and which found voice in the closing hymn:

"I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood."

The whole series of Jubilee services were remarkable for interest and thanksgiving for all the way the Heavenly Father had led the First Church for fifty years, and the encouraging advance the denomination had made during this period from the small beginning in 1833, with fifteen members, there were in 1833, the Jubilee date, in Chicago and suburbs: thirty-five churches, 7,559 members, twenty-eight pastors and 7,578 scholars in the Sunday schools. There were sixteen missions with an attendance of 2442 scholars. Of the thirty churches, twenty-four were American, four colored and seven German and Scandinavian. The American churches were largely the outgrowth of the First Church.

One of the interesting events in connection with the First Church was the golden wedding of Deacon James E. Tyler and Mrs. Tyler, which took place May 15, 1882, at their residence on Prairie avenue. Dr. Henson and Dr. Lorimer and a large number of friends from Chicago and Louisville, Ky., were present to do them honor. Mr. Tyler had most faithfully served the First Church as deacon under the pastorates of Dr. Everts, Dr. Lorimer and now under Dr. Henson. Drs. Lorimer and Henson were happy in their congratulatory remarks on this occasion, and presented them with choice tokens of appreciation from the officers and members of the church. Mr. Tyler in response thanked his friends for their kind remembrances, and with gratitude he looked to God for so having guided and prospered him.

Deacon Tyler did not live many years after his golden wedding. He died in Chicago Sept. 21, 1885. His remains accompanied by Mrs. Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duffield were taken to Louisville. Ky., and buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Deacon Tyler came to Chicago in 1862 and united with the First Church Jan. 2, 1863. For many years, he was wise in counsel in connection with Baptist affairs in Chicago and by his good judgments and liberal gifts was helpful in many advance movements specially in connection with the Baptist Theological Union, which founded the Baptist Union Theological Seminary, now the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

# The Pastor's Message.

It is a satisfaction to know that both of the newly inaugurated Bible classes are moving along splendidly. I want everyone to understand that visitors are heartily welcome, both at the Men's League on Sunday, and at the Christian Endeavor class in the Life of Christ, on Friday evening. We have now about forty people in each of these classes, and great interest is taken in the work. This direct and thoughtful study of great themes is vitally important. In the Men's class abundant opportunity will be given for discussion, and it is hoped by us all, I am sure that the result of this earnest and informal consideration of high and noble themes, may be positive, practical, and in every way helpful.

It was a privilege to meet, a few evenings since, with Miss Van Fleet, Miss Elizabeth Pickett, and a few of the young ladies of the church, to talk over the ques-

tion of the formation of a Girl's Guild. There seems to be room, and an excellent opportunity, for such an organization. It would be designed to meet the needs of the young ladies of our church and community, who are younger than those comprising the membership of the Amorest Henson Guild. A larger meeting will convene in the near future, to consider the whole question.

A movement is on foot in the Men's League, looking to the enlargement of the work of that body, and the adoption of a plan which shall bring the organization into more aggressive relationship with the community about us. Mr. W. E. Smith is at the head of a strong committee having the matter in charge. It has long been felt by many of us that the League should not exist for social purposes only. Let us all be ready to enter with vigor into the spirit of the enterprise when it shall be presented to us.

It will be an honor and a pleasure to welcome Dr. Henson next week. Everyone will be eager to hear the message that he brings to us on Tuesday evening. The prospects indicate that the occasion will be a most interesting and successful event, for our Sunday school and church.

AUSTIN K. de BLOIS.

# The Church at Work.

## Sunday School.

### Intermediate Department.

In looking over the attendance records for the year some items worthy of note are as follows:

David Quinn of Class B (the Lorimer Class) comes from 65th and Monroe Ave., and has been absent only five times in more than a year (60 Sundays).

F. Wolters of the same class has been present for 53 consecutive Sundays.

In Mrs. Lingle's class No. 22, Charles Tall has been present and early for 59 Sundays, and Mrs. Lingle, herself has been present and early every Sunday but one the same length of time (over a year). Both are splendid records.

Miss M. E. Van Fradenberg who has given up her class (No. 31), also has a splendid record of faithful attendance, having been absent only twice in 54 Sundays, and early every other time. We appreciate such faithfulness. Two of her girls have gone into Miss Elizabeth Pickett's class and another into the Guild. Miss Van Frandenberg will soon take one of the graduating classes from the Primary Department.

Mrs. Wm. Wigney's record is also a remarkable one—showing consecutive and early attendance for 63 Sundays.

Mr. F. W. Griffiing is another of the faithful teachers. His record shows but one absence in 59 Sundays.

The best attendance record, however, was made by Supt. Whitmore. August 27th was the 77th consecutive Sunday he has been "early."

Frank Miller of Miss Helen Pickett's class (C), comes in from 60th and Ingleside Ave., (Englewood) and has not missed a Sunday in three months.

If scholars will come such distances there is no limit to the size our school can attain, except the capacity of the rooms.

The Guild Class (Miss VanFleet, teacher) has an enrollment of 36. The largest class up stairs.

Miss Sylvia Bucklin (of the Guild Class) has taken Class No. 1, formerly taught by Miss Wilkens. We welcome this addition to our corps of teachers.

### Primary Department.

We are very fortunate in obtaining as superintendent Mrs. C. G. Lumley. Mrs. Lumley has had experience in Sunday school work, and is just the one we have been looking for.

Miss Florence Huskey has kindly consented to assist in the secretary work.

Among the teachers we are glad to welcome Miss Rundquist, formerly of the Guild Bible class, who has taken Miss Clara Marshall's class during her absence; Miss Lillian Henderson, who has taken Mrs. Moore's class; Mrs. Cockrane, who has taken Miss Etta Pacins' class; Mr.

Robert Leland who has charge of the boys' graduating; Mrs. C. M. Clarke, who has taken Class Eight, and Mrs. Fish.

We still need more teachers.

We are glad to have Miss Maria Kilbourne with us again.

Miss Clara Marshall is visiting in Canada, and will be absent until January.

In the Primary Department the best attendance records for the twelve months ending October 1, 1905, were made by the following scholars. Perfect record; that is, present and early for the entire year:

Suzette Carroll of Miss Edith Ahren's graduating class—average 100 per cent.

Leila Carroll of class 20, Miss Tollman teacher,—average 100 per cent.

Viola E. Jones of Class No. 2, Mrs. Cochrans teacher, —average 100 per cent.

These three have each been awarded the gold plated star for best attendance records.

Katherine Gore of Class 9, Miss Witta teacher, was awarded the silver plated star for second prize record of 97 per cent. and Leonard Fleckenstein of the graduating class, Robert Leland teacher, won the bronze star for the third best average.

Of the above, the record of Katherine Gore is noteworthy. She won first prize in 1904, and second prize for 1905.

Two of the prize winners are coming up stairs this year. We hope they will continue their good attendance, and be an example to the scholars of the Intermediate Department.

The Junior Primary ("Infant Class") under Mrs. Thomas, are barred from this competition for of course "grown ups" can't be expected to be as faithful as the youngsters.

A new welcome song was tried last Sunday.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Hume, who has kindly consented to play the piano. Mrs. Solt has charge of the singing, glad to have her with us again. We had twenty-five teachers present on October 22nd, seven more than we had October 15th. Eleven officers were present October 22nd.

New scholars are being brought in every Sunday, but there is plenty of room for more. Please be on the lookout for new scholars. When a scholar brings in five new scholars a magazine is sent to them free. So far this month we have had twenty new scholars.

**General S. S. Notes.**

The sending of Birthday Cards has been neglected in the Intermediate Department for the last year.

Do you think it advisable to renew the custom?

What shall we do to interest the scholars to bring in their friends? Do you, Teacher, bear this in mind each week? Surely the neighborhood of our church is a ripe field. Rewards, badges, printed invitations, etc., have been tried. What do YOU suggest?

The Officers are having a chart made by which the attendance can be graphically illustrated.

The class having had the best attendance record for the month of October will be announced next Sunday.

In marking the attendance please remember that

"E" (early) counts 10,

"L" (late) counts 7,

"A" (absent) counts 0.

If it is reported to the Secretary in writing that any scholar is going to be away for some time the name of that scholar will be put on the "Absent List" and the absence will not count against the Class record. It will, however, count against the scholar's individual record.

The names of some few scholars who live at a great distance and who do not pretend to come regularly, but whose names it is desired to keep on the rolls, are also entered on the "Absent List."

At the Teacher's and Officers' meeting Oct. 15th, Mrs. Lumley, Mr. Barron and Mr. Tomlinson were appointed a committee to select a S. S. paper for distribution. If you have suggestions they would be glad to hear from you.

As Mrs. Lamoreaux will not be able to take up the work of the Teacher's Class until after Jan. 1, 1906, it was decided to not attempt to form a class in our church at present, but to urge our teachers to attend a class elsewhere if one could be formed.

The S. S. Christmas entertainment will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 28th.

The Committee for Thanksgiving Sunday is Miss Leila Ahrens, Miss Edith Gale, Miss Helen Webster, and Miss Eunice Baker.

The Committee on Decorations: Mr. Harry Hale; Mr. Ira Humphrey. Help them all you can with suggestions and work.

The Secretary requests that the Teachers do not entrust the marking of the attendance records to the scholars (unless a Secretary of the Class be appointed) as some of the books come back with irrelevant notes scribbled on them. The marking is very simple: In the upper square mark "E" for early; "L" for late; and "A" for absent—and at the bottom enter up the total attendance of the class and the amount of the collection. Please do not neglect these last two items:

The attendance for Oct. 1, was 476.

The attendance for Oct. 8, was 473.

The attendance for Oct. 15, was 403.

The Primary Department still holds the "Largest Department Attendance" Banner.

An effort is being made to organize a S. S. Orchestra. Will you inquire of your pupils if any of them play and would like to join under competent leadership? Please hand the names of any such to Mr. Leland.

The "weekly contribution" envelopes for the remainder of the year, were distributed last Sunday to the classes except to those who have special arrangements made for their contributions.

The Officers urgently request the teachers to co-operate with them for the next two months, at least, in seeing to it each Sunday that the scholars use the envelopes as intended. Will you, Teacher, make it a point to call the attention of those scholars who have made pledges to the necessity of being systematic and regular. If a scholar misses a Sunday he is supposed to make up the amount pledged the next Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Humphrey, who formerly assisted in the Secretary's Department, has returned to the work and will have charge of the "Weekly Collection Envelopes."

## YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Elizabeth M. Pickett.

During the month of October our Christian Endeavor Society has been most favored. This month marks the beginning of a study class that promises to be one of our greatest privileges this winter. Dr. de Blois volunteered to take up this work and a class had been formed which meets Friday at 7:30 previous to the prayer meeting. We are having a course of work on the Life of Christ, taking up twenty-six of the crucial days in the life of Jesus. We are most grateful to our Pastor for this opportunity, and are very anxious that many shall take advantage of it.

Last month we mentioned the fact that a special Evangelistic pledge had been presented to the Society for their consideration. No doubt it would be interesting to our friends to know that this has been of great benefit to many other societies and churches in the city. Originating with our evangelistic committee last winter the idea has spread through Mr. Van Meter's influence to others, and we are thankful that our efforts are bearing fruit beyond any one's expectations or anticipations.

## Intermediate C. E. Society.

The meetings of the Intermediate Society on Sunday evenings have been interesting and well attended. The Society enjoyed the first social evening of this year Thursday, Nov. 2nd. About twenty-five young people spent a most pleasant time together.

## WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

The October meeting was attended by thirty-six ladies. The influence of the two recent wars—upon Japan, was the subject of the program. Mrs. Ware gave us a clear idea of the causes that led to the war of 1894 between China and Japan, and the influence it exerted upon Japanese confidence and ambition.

Mrs. Atwell and Mrs. Williams gave many incidents of work among the soldiers by the W. C. T. U. and the Y. M. C. A. in the recent Russo-Japanese war, and Miss Van Fleet showed that doors of opportunity were open in this beautiful country as never before.

## YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Lelia M. Ahrens—Dep't Editor.

The first meeting of the year was held at the home of Miss Lelia Ahrens, where the following officers were elected:

President—Miss Edith Gale.

Vice-President—Miss Louise Countiss.

Secretary—Miss Florence Huskey.

Treasurer—Miss Florence Raymond.

The society held its second meeting at the home of the Misses Googins.

The work to be done at the meetings

this winter has not been decided upon as yet, but at present the girls are continuing work started last winter, bandages to be sent to China for use in hospitals.

## LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Morava—Dep't Editor.

Invigorated by a rest from both mental and physical labor, and still under the charm of outdoor life, the Ladies' Benevolent Society opened its season of active work under happy auspices. Rejoicing in the beautiful day with which the Master encouraged our work, eighty-seven ladies gathered for the first meeting of the season. A few words of hearty welcome and inspiration from Dr. deBlois were earnestly endorsed by our president, Mrs. Williams. The harvest of the fields has been gathered, but the seedtime of this society seems but just begun. At this meeting arrangements were made for various good works including two boxes of clothing for missionaries in Kansas; curtains for our room at the Home for Missionaries Children; sewing for the Illinois Industrial School; also for the School Children's Aid Society. A large amount of order work and work for the needy in our own church and Sunday school is waiting for active and willing fingers

The action of the officers and executive committee in pledging seven hundred and fifty dollars more toward Raymond Chapel Fund, and in arranging for a lecture for the benefit of this fund, was ratified by a vote of the society. On the afternoon of October 19th rain and wind did their best to discourage those most interested in this lecture. Fortunately this disagreeable combination wasted most of its energy before night and a good audience listened to the lecture and saw the large collection of pictures.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Frank Smith, to Mr. Donnelly and to Mr. Piercey and his corps of very efficient workers for their willing and cheerful assistance. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was extended by the society to these gentlemen. About one hundred and seventy-five dollars were added to our Raymond Chapel fund as the result of this lecture.

The next meeting of the society will be held on November 17th. We will be glad to welcome all the ladies interested in this work of love.

## THE MEN'S LEAGUE.

The reorganization of the Men's League means great things for our church. As soon as Mr. Marshall had been installed as president a special committee with Mr. W. E. Smith as chairman was appointed to raise the indebtedness on the valuable property south of the church. This is preparation to a great work to be undertaken by this company of men for the benefit of this section of our city.

The men's social held Monday evening, Nov. 6th was an event of interest and enjoyment. About sixty men gathered to hear the most excellent entertainment provided by the social committee Mr. Tracy gave us a rare treat out of his personal experience in Russia. The interest and appreciation of his address was measured by the flood of questions which poured in upon him as he closed his remarks.

Mr. Short who sang several selections is a baritone and a gifted singer, and Mr. Houston has the art of impersonation down fine. All men who were not present simply missed a treat.

On November 21 the Annual dinner of the Men's League will be given in the lecture room at 6:30 o'clock. An enjoyable program is to follow.

We are hoping for a very large attendance, because no one can afford to miss the pleasure of this gathering and also that the ladies may find their work and planning rewarded by a good sum toward their missionary contribution.

## SEMI-ANNUAL SOCIAL AND DINNER

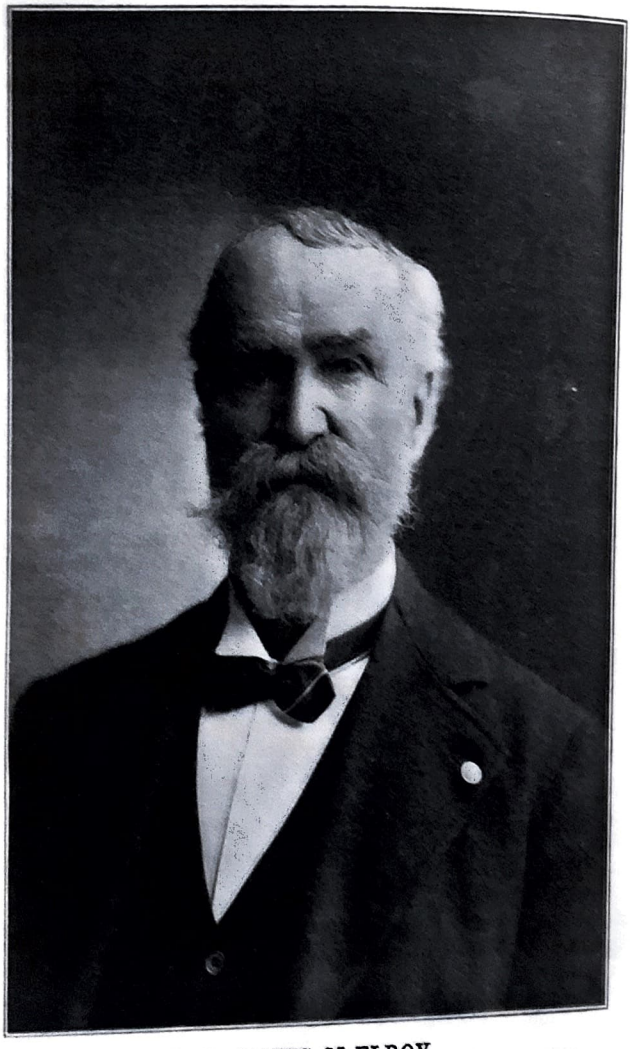
of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school will be held on Tuesday eve, Nov. 14th.

Social hour from 6 to 7. Dinner at 7. A very interesting program has been arranged.

**Our Pastor, Prof. E. D. Burton** of the U. of C., and **Dr. P. S. Henson**, of Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., will speak. Mrs. T. G. McLaury will give a recital.

The musical program is in charge of Prof. Havens. We hope every officer and teacher will be present and bring a friend.

Tickets to Sunday School Workers 25c; to friends 50c.



CAPT. JAMES McELROY,
Deacon in the First Church.

## FOUR SCORE.

Capt. James McElroy celebrated his eightieth birthday in October. He was born October 16th, 1825, in Washington county, Pa. He is as hale and hearty as most men at fifty. In token of their esteem his business associates gave him a kindly remembrance. Deacon McElroy is an old resident of Chicago, having settled here with his wife in 1874. For the past twenty-two years he has been a loyal member of the First Church and for more than twelve years one of her honored deacons. Deacon McElroy did faithful service during the civil war and was honored in being made captain in the First Virginia Infantry.

May God spare him for many more years of faithful service in the army of the Lord.

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Miss Little has returned from her visit in the south.

Nov. 21st is a date to be saved. The Men's League banquet.

Mrs. George Pope is spending a few weeks in Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. F. R. Burchett was quite ill during the early part of October.

We enjoyed a visit last Wednesday evening from Mr. and Mrs. Hessler.

Mrs. Little is spending several weeks visiting friends in Minneapolis.

Get your tickets for the Sunday school banquet of Mr. Whitmore. You can't afford to miss this.

We missed Deacon Goodman and Deacon Parker from their places at the communion service last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Holmes welcomed a new little daughter to their home in October. She is to be called Grace Genevieve.

Mrs. A. C. Blackman returned to Chicago on the 7th, after a very delightful visit of two months with her sister in Emporia, Kan.

Mrs. Donnelley, Mr. Craig and Mr. Embree were appointed a committee on arrangements for the dedication of the New Chapel, in the near future.

Miss Aldrich, who is spending some months in the city, has become a volunteer substitute in our Sunday School during the months of her stay with us.

Those who failed to hear Mr. Tracey last Monday evening missed a rare opportunity to get an insight into the situation in Russia, that is seldom afforded.

We rejoice that Mrs. Donnelley and her daughter have returned safely from their European trip. Many interests of the kingdom will be strengthened by their renewed attention.

Mrs. Whitmore sailed from Naples, Italy, on the 27th of October. Will spend a few weeks with her sons in Boston and is expected to reach Chicago about November 20th.

We expect to have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Short and Mr. Houston, who so successfully entertained the Men's League, at the Sunday school banquet next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. O. A. Ware was the substitute teacher of the Guild Bible class on the last Sunday in October, giving Miss Van Fleet a long desired opportunity to visit the Primary Department.

The advanced Junior C. E. will hold regular meetings for the present on Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 at the church. Miss Van Fleet will be the leader for a time in this department. All children between the ages of eleven and fifteen will be welcome.

We are glad to welcome to our congregation Miss Eleanor Hay, a member of the Central Baptist church of Springfield, Ill. Miss Hay is attending the Loring School on Prairie avenue. She is the third member of this church to come to us recently.

The Baptist Missionary Training School arranged for the purchase of the property on the corner of Vernon Avenue and 30th Street, upon which to erect the new building for the use of the school. It is hoped the money for the new building may soon be secured as the present building is overcrowded.

The District Committees have had two meetings during October. At the first a committee consisting of Mrs. Lingle, Mrs. Wigney and Miss Van Fleet were appointed to assist the pastor in filling vacancies in the committees. This committee reported at the last meeting and with well organized committees the ladies expect to accomplish much good work during the winter months.

Miss Matie Vanderlaan is to take the place in the Baptist Missionary Training School made vacant by the illness of Miss Pacius. She has already begun work and will without doubt prove a worthy representative of our Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Vanderlaan is of Holland family and became a member of our church through the Bohemian mission nearly two years ago.

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## BIBLE STUDY.

Few churches are as well equipped for Bible study as the First Church. Dr. de Blois now has two large classes each week. The Men's League class at 12:15 on Sunday and the Sacred Literature class for everybody at 7:30 Friday evenings. This is a great addition to our teaching force. Deacon Ahrens' large class for men and women affords an excellent opportunity for study of the International Lessons.

Miss Van Fleet's large class of young ladies are studying the Old Testament and the Lorimer class is taking a course on the Life of Christ. These, with all the other excellent classes of our school, afford excellent facilities for the most important of all studies. Are you improving the opportunity?

## THE CHURCH HISTORY.

The chapter of Deacon Goodman's History of our church, which appears this month is of intense interest. The meeting of the Social Union, which he describes, and at which so many of the old residents of Chicago were present, was in every way a memorable gathering. In order that the narrative may be entirely complete it is necessary to add that Mr. Goodman was the president of the Social Union at the time. He occupied the chair on the occasion of that meeting, and was chiefly instrumental in bringing together so large a company of "the pioneers" of Chicago. We take the liberty of saying this here because Mr. Goodman, with characteristic modesty, has refused to say it in the History.

## WEDDINGS.

An event of much interest to many of the members of our church was the marriage on the evening of the fourth of September, of Miss Marian Lindman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. M. Ives. The ceremony took place at the home of the parents of the bride in Kimbark Avenue. Dr. de Blois officiating. The bride is well known and exceedingly popular among the young people of our church, and her parents have for a long time been prominently identified with its history and work.

We also record the marriage on the twelfth of October of Dr. Richard M. Genius to Miss Elizabeth Morse, at the Kenwood Evangelical church. The officiating clergymen were Dr. John R. Crosser, pastor of the Kenwood church and Dr. de Blois. The groom is a distinguished physician and one of the honored members of our church.

## RAYMOND NOTES.

About three months ago it was mentioned in this column that ground had been broken for a church of another kind in the neighborhood of our Chapel and we feared it would be completed and in use before our own unless we made better progress. Unhappily this prediction has been verified and the church building referred to is now finished and in use.

We hope, however, that our long waiting is nearly over. The generosity of Bro. Bowman Lingle and Bro. Craig, who advanced the necessary money, has made it possible to hurry the building and there is now comparatively little that remains to be done to complete it. It is possible that next month's issue of this paper will tell of the dedication and opening.

Our Bro. O. C. Olsen, now in St. Paul, writes of wonderfully blessed meetings be-

ing held in Minneapolis, and which he has been attending. He writes of the untold blessing they have brought to his own heart and life.

We are glad to welcome William and George Tichy to our Bible school. They have joined Mr. Reede's class.

Evelyn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edling, has been very ill of pneumonia. She was better at last reports and we trust is out of danger now.

Mrs. Parry, who recently rejoined our Bible school, has been ill for some time. We shall be glad to have her again at our meetings.

### Reeder Class.

An increase in attendance indicates an increase in interest. Our class is proving this statement. Some of our members who have been away for months have returned —we hope, to stay. The boys are planning some events that will aid in keeping our class active and that will add to our enrollment.

A larger and more regular attendance will secure for us that so much talked of room in the new building. Reeder Class is not yet in the lead in either of these points. If it were, there are several other classes which would not be far behind. Let all those who wish our class to obtain that room enlist their services and aid by coming and by inviting and bringing others.

The main feature of the meeting held Oct. 28, was the election. The newly elected officers with their respective positions are:

President—Calvin Rader.
Vice-President—Roy Wadie.
Secretary—John Parker.
Treasurer—Bert Olsen.

With such a staff of officers we cannot but be successful in making our efforts count for progress. These officers ought to receive the hearty and willing co-operation of every member. Good officers are necessary but no more so than a faithful body of members.

Good intentions are followed by activity. At a meeting held Nov. 3, at the home of the president, it was decided to give a stereopticon entertainment. Watch for the announcement of this affair. It will be well worth attending.

A surprise party was given Oct. 31st on Mr. Walter Chase at the home of Miss Minnich. A large number of our young people attended.

It is a great privilege to have Mrs. Anstermel with us again in the Sunday school.

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## MEMBERS OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

No. 1. Bounded by 33d and 35th, Cottage Grove and the lake. Mrs. Piercey, Chairman; Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. C. M. Clarke.

No. 2. Bounded by 33d and 35th, South Park and Cottage Grove. Mrs. Raymond, Chairman; Mrs. Geo. Pope, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Leland, Miss E. G. Stowell, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Solt.

No. 3. Bounded by 33d and 35th, South Park including the west side of Prairie. Mrs. W. S. Pickett, Chairman; Miss Clara Stowell, Miss Day, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hine.

No. 4. Bounded by 33d and 35th, including east side of Indiana and west side Wabash. Mrs. Lumley, Chairman; Mrs. Steele.

No. 5. Bounded by 31st and 33d, including east side of Indiana and west side of Wabash. Mrs. Huntley, Chairman; Miss Richards.

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No. 12. Bounded by 29th and 31st, including east side Indiana and west side Wabash. Mrs. Thomas, Chairman; Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Dodge.

No. 13. Bounded by 26th and 29th, Wabash and Calumet. Mrs. Duffy, Chairman.

No. 14. Bounded by 26th and 29th, Calumet and the lake.

No. 15. Bounded by Wabash and Wentworth, 26th and 31st. Mrs. Allen, Chairman.

No. 16. Bounded by Wabash and Wentworth, 31st and 35th. Mrs. Arthur, Chairman.

No. 17. Bounded by Wabash and Grand, 35th and 40th. Mrs. Hinckley, Chairman; Mrs. King.

No. 18. Bounded by Grand and the lake, 35th and Oakwood Blvd. Mrs. McCullough, Chairman; Mrs. McCrohan, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Elkin, Mrs. Ketman.

No. 19. Bounded by Wabash and Grand, Oakwood and 47th. Mrs. R. F. Bennett, Chairman; Mrs. Buck.

No. 20, Bounded by Oakwood and 47th, Grand and Drexel. Mrs. Adams, Chairman.

No. 21. Bounded by Oakwood and 47th, Drexel and the lake. Mrs. Cochrane, Chairman; Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Stouffer.

No. 22. Bounded by 47th and 51st, Grand and Drexel. Mrs. Chas. Henson, Chairman; Miss French, Mrs. Brown.

No. 23. Bounded by 47th and 52d, Drexel and the lake. Mrs. H. N. Smith, Chairman; Mrs. Lindman, Mrs. Jackman.

No. 24. Bounded by 52d and Midway, Cottage Grove and Woodlawn. Mrs. Fish, Chairman.

No. 25. Bounded by 52d and Midway, Woodlawn and the lake. Mrs. Morava, Chairman; Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. McLaury.

## THE JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk.

October 1. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor; morning theme, "Obedience, the Key to Power," evening, "Help for the Man in Need."

October 2. Monday. Week of Prayer. Service led by Dr. G. E. Burlingame of the Covenant Baptist Church.

October 3. Tuesday. Week of Prayer. Subject: "Religion and the Church."

October 4. Wednesday. Week of Prayer. Subject: "Home Religion."
Subject: "Heart Religion."

October 5. Thursday. Week of Prayer.

October 6. Friday. Week of Prayer. Subject: "Holy Ghost Religion." Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

October 8. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached on "Christ and Missions" and in the evening upon "A Sinner Saved by Grace."

October 9. Monday. Monthly dinner and meeting of the Board of Deacons.

October 10. Tuesday. Annual opening of the Chicago Baptist Hospital. Addresses by Dr. Johnston Myers and Dr. J. L. Jackson.

October 11. Wednesday. Church prayer service addressed by Dr. Sturges in the interest of the Florence Crittendon Anchorage.

October 13. Friday. Meeting of the Women's Missionary Circle. Christian Endeavor prayer service led by Mr. A. R. Rhenisch. Topic: "Better Work Our Society Should Do." Heb. 6:7-12, 13: 20-21.

October 15. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme: "Angel Comrades," evening: "Homeless People."

October 18. Wednesday. Church Prayer and social service. Theme: "Faith and Knowledge." Eph. 3:14-21.

October 19. Thursday. Mr. Frank W. Smith gave his illustrated lecture, "Old Chicago," under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

October 20. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor prayer service, led by Miss Florence Huskey. Theme, "Sacred Songs That Have Helped." Eph. 5:15-20; Col. 3:15-17.

October 22. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached on "The Sower and the Soil," and in the evening on the topic, "Change Ye!"

October 23. Monday. Monthly dinner and meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild.

October 25. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Theme, "The Essence of Christianity." 1 Cor. 13th chapter.

October 27. Friday. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting, addressed by Miss Christene Scully. Subject, "Christian Endeavor Work in Cook County Hospital."

October 29. Sunday. In the morning Rev. Theo. G. Soares of Austin, preached. In the evening the Pastor preached on "Voices From the Hill of Calvary."

October 30. Monday. Monthly dinner and meeting of the Board of Deacons.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

Additions.

By Baptism—

Miss Dorothy M. Goss, 2829 Calumet Ave.

By Experience—
Mrs. Jennie H. Hume, 3213 South Park Ave.

By Letter—
Mr. Walter C. Reibling, 3247 Vernon Ave.
Mr. and Mrs. Harley H. Solt, 113 E. 33rd St.
Miss Mary E. Williams, 4046 Prairie Ave.

**Diminutions.**

By Death—
Mr. William H. Peeke.

By Letter—
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